

LPPD and their Citizens team up yet again to fight crime

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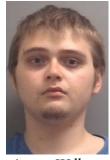
Shortly after 5:30 a.m., on Sunday morning, May 11th, La Porte Police Dispatch received a call that several suspects in a maroon-colored minivan had just stolen various pieces of welding equipment. The reporting resident, initially observing the thieves in front of his residence within the 11700 block of La Porte's Bexar Drive, began following the minivan for a few moments until LPPD officers jumped in.

Three miles from the scene of the crime, after entering La Porte's Creekmont subdivision, the suspects continued traveling south on Myrtle Creek, at which point the suspect vehicle sped through a red light at Spencer Highway. LPPD officers then activated their emergency lights and soon-after observed a side door along the van begin to open. A TIG welder was observed being dumped from the moving vehicle and, once the suspects had offloaded the stolen equipment, they turned onto a neighboring street where the minivan came to a stop.

The occupants, identified as 34 year old Mark Woods and 18 year old Austin Williams, both currently residing in La Porte, were each detained for suspicion of Burglary. LPPD Detectives then conducted a series of interviews with the suspects, and, following approval from the Harris County District Attorney's Office, have both been charged with Burglary of Motor Vehicle.



Mark Woods 03/01/1980



Austin Williams 08/03/1995